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SUBJECT: GOJ COMMENTS ON KOREAN STRATEGY IN UNGA

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1. IO ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE AND EA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN MET WITH AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA ON JUNE 23 TO DISCUSS GOJ COMMENTS ON KOREAN STRATEGY IN UNGA. HABIB JOINED MEETING LATER.

2. BLAKE AND GLEYSTEN WENT OVER POINTS REFTTEL, GIVING YASUKAWA BACKGROUND TO OUR UNGA STRATEGY. YASUKAWA MOST INTERESTED IN QUESTION OF "CONSENSUS" APPROACH.

3. BLAKE AND GLEYSTEN POINTED OUT THAT ON BASIS OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE AND SOVIETS AS WELL AS ALL OTHER INDICATIONS, THERE IS NO PROSPECT AT THIS TIME FOR COMPROMISE SOLUTION ON PART OF NORTH KOREANS. ALSO
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BOTH PRC AND SOVIETS ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREA AND THEY HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATION THAT THEY PREPARED TO CHANGE THAT POSITION. GLEYSTEN POINTED OUT THAT, NORTH KOREA IS TOTALLY COMMITTED

TO ALL-OUT ATTEMPT TO SECURE VICTORY BOTH IN NON-ALIGNED LIMA CONFERENCE AND AT UNGA.

4. ON QUESTION OF POSSIBILITY SWEDEN OR OTHER NEUTRAL-IST SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION, BLAKE AND GLEYSTEN POINTED OUT THERE SIGNIFICANT MAJOR PROBLEMS INCLUDING PROBABILITY THAT ANY SUCH APPROACH WOULD BE REJECTED BY SWEDEN AS WELL AS NECESSITY FOR OUR SIDE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF OUR OWN RESOLUTION.

5. THEY STRESSED THAT NEED NOW IS TO AGREE ON OUR PRESENT APPROACH SO WE CAN PROCEED ON BASIS MAXIMUM INITIAL STRENGTH AND WORK AS HARD AS POSSIBLE TO CONVINCE OTHER SIDE THAT WE WILL NOT CONCEDE. WHILE WE SEE NO PROSPECT FOR COMPROMISE NOW, THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY TO FORCE OTHER SIDE TO MORE MODERATE POSITION WOULD BE DEMONSTRATION IT FACED DEFEAT IN THE UNGA. EVEN IN THAT CIRCUMSTANCE NORTH KOREA MIGHT WELL WISH TO PRESS FOR VOTE GIVEN PRESENT MOMENTUM OF ITS EFFORTS.

6. WHILE HE COULD MAKE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS, YASUKAWA SAID HE WOULD REPORT FULLY OUR APPROACH TO TOKYO AND REQUEST ITS VIEWS.

7. MORE GENERALLY, YASUKAWA AND KURIYAMA INDICATED GOJ HAD BEEN PERHAPS UNDULY HOPEFUL THE DOOR WAS STILL OPEN TO COMPROMISE BETWEEN OUR SIDE AND THE OTHERS ON BASIS FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. BOTH THOUGHT OUR COMMENTS ABOUT CURRENT PRC AND SOVIET ATTITUDES WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN SECURING GOJ UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION.

8. HABIB REITERATED POINTS MADE BY GLEYSTEN AND BLAKE RE UNLIKELIHOOD OF ANY COMPROMISE SUCCEEDING. ALSO ASKED YASUKAWA TO BE SURE TO WEIGH IN WITH TOKYO WITH REGARD TO BROADER POLITICAL/SECURITY RELATIONS.

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YASUKAWA AGREED WHILE NOTING THAT HE HOPED USG WOULD ALSO APPROACH JAPANESE PERMREP IN NEW YORK ON THE "PARLIAMENTARY ASPECT" OF OUR POSITION. MR. HABIB PROMISED THAT WE WOULD DO SO.

9. FOR USUN: SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS PROBLEMS RAISED BY JAPANESE WITH GOJ PERMREP ALONG LINES FOREGOING AND REFTTEL.

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